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PITTSBURGH, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 1891.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PITTSBURGH.

What can be done in the extension of trade by a single Pittsburg interest by the union of wheelbarrow steamers, ship canals, and improvements in the harbor, and the subject of a very interesting article in this issue of THE DISPATCH.

The leading point brought out is that, even with the present means of transportation, American coal has been able to displace British coal in the Havana market.

With the improvement of transportation by the new style of steamers, and by a canal to the North American market, Pittsburg coal could control nearly the entire South American market.

This in turn implies the payment in a staple of universal consumption of the immense balances of trade produced by our coffee and sugar purchases in those countries, and to exactly the extent in which this reciprocal trade goes on increasing the national stock of floating capital.

The same consideration applies with equal force to trade in the opposite direction which would be developed by the Ohio River and Lake Erie Ship Canal.

That project not only vastly increases the possibilities of trade up the Northwest, but of the route opened up by the McDougal steamer, or by the more direct route of a ship canal from the lakes to New York, would enable Pittsburg coal to reach the North Atlantic, where there is an almost infinite demand for it.

Yet the gain to the coal interests is only a part of the possible expansion suggested by this combination of subjects. Those who think that Pittsburg coal should have the extension of the Pittsburg industry in the single business of furnishing iron and steel for the construction of the new style of freight carriers which are to revolutionize ocean and freight transportation.

There is enough in that single direction, if the opportunity is improved, for a 25 per cent increase of our iron and steel manufactures.

These subjects being out the fact that there are almost limitless possibilities for Pittsburg in the future, if they are quickly recognized and urgently improved. Will Pittsburg make the most of its opportunities?

THE POLITICAL AGONY. The political agencies of Philadelphia are getting a shaking up that will have good results to the extent, at least, of changing methods for men before the trial can begin anew again.

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which is surely ample, the required reduction can be made.

It will be seen that such a policy would not permit of large appropriations for internal improvements, such as canals and riverways. But that does not by any means imply that the improvements should not be made, and with the Government's aid.

UNDER MORE CIRCUMSTANCES there would be no room for doubt as to the result of a contest in which the forces are so divided. Louisiana is, perhaps, with one or two exceptions, the State where the free use of money may succeed in overruling the moral sense and honest convictions of the intelligent classes.

THE FOLLOWING inquiry touches upon subject of wide interest, viz: The respective methods of offering a premium on the development of domestic industries:

Has Congress ever discussed the advisability of offering a premium for the production of American tin plate as it has done in the case of the bounty on sugar?

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THE TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN THIS GREAT EVENT AT CHAUTAQUA.—Dr. Barrows on the World of Shakespeare.—A Lecture by John Fluke.

CHAUTAQUA, Aug. 4.—To-night, the formal opening of the great Chautauqua Assembly, and fully 10,000 were present to participate in the exercises. Big extensions from the city, from all over Pennsylvania and other points reached here to-day, so that to-night the "Summer City" is fairly swarming with people.

Dr. Barrows' address was on the "World of Shakespeare." He opened with the famous "Macbeth" scene, and then turned to the "Hamlet" scene, and then to the "Othello" scene.

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WHY BUCHANAN NEVER MARRIED.—He Had a Love Affair Once, but it Ended Abruptly.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 4.—A Minneapolis lady told me the other day the true reason why James Buchanan, the fifteenth President of the United States, never married. She used to live in Lancaster, Pa., and it was near this little city that President Buchanan lived (when "at home") and died. I quote her own words:

"I was one of his intimate friends and used to spend a good deal of his time with him. He was a very kind and sympathetic man, but he was very much of a devotee to his country.

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TWO GREAT QUESTIONS DISCUSSED.—To the Editor of The Dispatch.

THE DISPATCH of July 30, 1891, made mention of Rev. J. W. Carter, a leading colored minister of Georgia, who is an enthusiast on the race question, and thanks God that he has at last reached a solution of that difficult problem.

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SOCIETY IN SUMMER TIME.—A Pittsburg Bride in the Suburb of Stensenville.

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CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.—Earls are dying off at the rate of 20 per annum.

A resident of Parker's Ford, Pa., is called a "ring dove" because his eyes stare old and has been in one cage all his life.

JAMES CLARK, of New Moorefield, O., has a cat which has adopted an infant colic, and is so attached to it as to her own kittens.

A large dog ran through the principal streets of Bangor, Me., yesterday last week. It was pursued by a crowd of men and boys and captured.

A Parisian electrician has succeeded in forcing violins by the aid of his battery, and recently sent a bunch of these findlings only four months after they were bought.

In the 351 towns and cities of Massachusetts 248 now have free public libraries, and the State has lately provided aid for the 86 small towns and villages which have no libraries.

Three California lions were recently killed by a hunter in Fresno county. One of them measured fully eight feet from tip to tip of the nose to the end of the tail. The other two were nearly as large.

The tea trade of Japan is constantly increasing while that of China is diminishing. The increase in Japan is about 10 per cent, while in China it is about 5 per cent.

A Sedalia, Mo., china store exhibits as a sign 275 plates, 16 pitchers, 3 jars, 3 wash-bowls and 15-gallon jug. The plates have a blue and white design and are mounted on boards.

Melanson was proud of his fingers and delicate hands. He said that his fingers were so sensitive that he could feel the heat of the wax on the exact amount of color that he wanted on a given spot.

Boston is the only city in the world which preserves an exact record of the proceedings of its Common Council. Every motion, argument and remark, no matter how unimportant it is, is carefully taken down by the clerks.

One of the latest inventions is a safe of cast-iron, having completed its work. It had charge of the sale of 350,000 copies of the book, and it is now in the hands of the public.

The Mad King of Bavaria sometimes smokes 100 cigars a day. He is so fond of his pipe that he has a special man to clean it for him, and he never goes a day without his pipe.

Mrs. Lewis, who has been upon a temperance crusade around the globe, tells the women of Chicago that the daily routine in India is a soda with a dash of lemon, and she says that she has used one to secure a light, and she says that she has used one to secure a light, and she says that she has used one to secure a light.